

REMARKS

Claims 1-32 are pending in the application.

Claims 13-21, 29 and 30 are withdrawn in the application.

Claims 1, 4-6, 22-23 and 31-32 are rejected.

Claims 7-12 and 26-28 are allowed.

Claims 3, 24 and 25 are objected to.

Claims 3-6, 23-24 and 31 have been amended.

Claims 1, 22 and 32 are cancelled.

I. Drawings

The Examiner has approved the proposed substitute sheets of drawings filed on November 27, 2002. A corrected drawing of Fig. 1 is submitted herein as required.

II. 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claims 1, 4-6, 22-23 and 31-32 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,466,369 to Maddock (hereinafter "Maddock"). Claims 3 and 24-25 are objected to but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Applicants have rewritten claim 3 into an independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Therefore, amended claim 3 is patentable. Claim 4-6 have been amended to dependent from claim 3. Accordingly, claims 4-6 are patentable. Claim 1 is cancelled.

Similarly, claim 24 has been rewritten into an independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Therefore, amended claim 24 is allowable.

Claim 23 has been amended to depend from amended claim 24 and therefore is patentable. Claim 22 is cancelled.

Regarding claim 31, applicants have added features of claims 32 and 3 into claim 31. Since claim 3 contains allowable matter, claim 31 is believed to be allowable. Claim 32 has been cancelled.

III. Allowed Claim

The Examiner has allowed claim 7-12 and 26-28. Applicant thanks the Examiner for the allowance of these claims.

IV. Summary

Having fully addressed the Examiner's objections and rejections, it is believed that in view of the preceding remarks, this entire application stands in a condition for allowance. If, however, the Examiner is of the opinion that such action cannot be taken, he is invited to contact the applicant's attorney at the number and address below in order that any outstanding issues may be resolved without the necessity of issuing a further Action. An early and favorable response is earnestly solicited.

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V. Fees

If any additional fees are due in respect to this amendment, please also charge them to Deposit Account No. 03-3839.

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Version with Markings to Show Changes Made

Please amend the claims as follows:

3. (Twice Amended) [The system of claim 1,] A rear projection system comprising:
a retractable rear-projection screen retractable from a deployed position to a stowed
position;
a projector that projects light onto the retractable rear-projection screen; and
a folded light path between the projector and the screen;
wherein the projector projects light that is polarized to fold a path of the light to the
screen, to thereby form the folded light path.
4. (Amended) The system of claim [1] 3, wherein the retractable rear-projection screen is folded
into a first sheet, a second sheet and a third sheet when the screen is extended, the first sheet,
second sheet and third sheet being continuous.
5. (Amended) The system of claim [1] 3, further comprising a continuous sheet retractable into
and extendable from the base, the continuous sheet being folded into a first and second section to
be operable with the retractable rear-projection screen when the retractable rear-projection screen
is extended.
6. (Amended) The system of claim [1] 3, wherein the retractable rear-projection screen includes
a viewing screen, a first sheet and a second sheet, the viewing screen being disposed for
retraction into the base and for extension from the base, the viewing screen being further
disposed, when extended, to receive the light, at least some of the light having been selectively
reflected back and forth between the first sheet and the second sheet.

23. (Amended) The unit of claim [22] 24, further comprising a projection sheet that includes the rear-projection viewing screen, the projection sheet being folded into a plurality of sections when the rear-projection viewing screen is extended.

24. (Amended) [The unit of claim 22 ,] A portable, hand-held unit with retractable displaying facilities, the unit comprising:

an image information memory within the unit;

a rear-projection viewing screen extendible from and retractable into the unit;

an image formation module in communicative connection with the image information memory and the viewing screen; and

means for extending and retracting the viewing screen;

wherein the viewing screen extends so that a first sheet is interposed between the viewing screen and a second sheet, the first sheet selectively transmitting and reflecting light from the image formation module, the second sheet reflecting the light from the image formation module.

31. (Amended) A rear projection system comprising:

a housing;

a screen extendable from and retractable into the housing; [and]

a projector located within the housing operable to project onto the screen; and

a folded light path between the projector and the screen;

wherein the projector projects light that is polarized to fold a path of the light to the screen, to thereby form the folded light path.



FIG 1.

